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**Amendements to the Specification:**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 line 7, as follows:

This application is ~~the US National Stage~~ a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP02/05578, filed May 21, 2002 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European application No. 01112710.7 filed May 25, 2001, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph from page 1 lines 12-14, as follows:

The arrangement contains a plurality of heat shield elements disposed adjacently on a support structure and anchored to this to cover a surface, and wherein at least two adjacent heat shield elements each have at least one lateral groove, arranged in the region of the edge of the surface thereof facing the hot gas, these heat shield elements being connected by means of at least one seal element installed in the groove. An arrangement of this type is known, for example, from EP 1 022 437 A1 or from EP 0 896 128 A2.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph from page 3 lines 2-14, as follows:

As regards the arrangement, the object is achieved according to the invention by means of a heat shield arrangement with heat shield elements anchored adjacently on a support structure to cover a surface wherein at least two adjacent heat shield elements each have at least one lateral groove, arranged in the region of the edge of the surface thereof facing the hot gas; ~~wherein these heat shield elements are connected by means of at least one seal element installed in the groove, and wherein the seal element is embodied as a sealing flap, which may be displaced from a first position to a second position and vice versa, whereby the first position is an open position without a sealing effect and the second position is a closed position with a sealing effect.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph from page 4 lines 11-13, as follows:

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~~In an advantageous embodiment of the invention the seal element can be displaced from the first to the second position and vice versa by means of a movement of a heat shield element.~~